

TO MANILA BY DRY DOCK

Cruise of Big Floating Dry Dock Dewey.

BUILT LIKE THE ARK

IT IS 600 FEET LONG AND 132 FEET WIDE.

Stands Forty-Two Feet Out of the Water and Has No Rudder—Steered by Hawsers.

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SOLDIERS OF THE SURF

Men Who Pluck the Gray Old Sea by the Beard.

ROBBING THE WAVES

STORY OF A JANUARY SHIP-WRECK ON SANDS OF QUOQUE.

Heroic Rescues by the Life Savers in Winter Weather—Modest Reports Made to the Government.

Written for The Star

January, 9 p. m. A forty-mile wind blowing dead on shore. Waves which become breakers even before they strike the drowned bars. Breakers that become spray. Spray that strikes scalding cold and becomes ice in the moment of its striking.

Thirty miles off the beach of Quoogue, Long Island, 10 p. m. A fifty-mile wind blowing dead on shore, and a four-masted vessel in the thick of it.

Spray turning to ice, drop after drop, second after second; sails so stiff that the frozen fingers that tear at them might as well tear, bleeding, at sheet iron. Thirty hours since she sighted Northeast End Light, ship off New Jersey; not a bearing in ten since then, the rudder so sheathed in ice that it has to crunch the breaker to clear.

Augustus Hunt drives straight toward the sand trap of Quoogue, with every one of the ten sailors aboard imagining that she is heading in for Sandy Hook.

It is a sea that runs not in rollers, but in cascades—cascades that drive green over the Augustus Hunt and add a thousand tons of coal cargo, ice that has glazed her from bow to stern and from mainmast to jibboom.

Feather and wave as if the world were washing and blowing away in storm; roar of waters ahead, astern and over side. Eleven p. m. and the outer bar of dead Quogue almost under her bows.

The Light Ahead.

"Light ahead!" The hail, whipped away by the wind, comes faintly from the numbed lookout at the bow to the ears of the numbed mate.

"Go forward and see what it is," says the first mate to the second. "It must be a steamer."

The second mate wades and flounders to the diving bow, hanging to cabin coamings, ropes and deck fittings for his life.

Ahead is a faint, faint, phantom white light in the mist. The light is visible, now it is gone, now it shows again.

"I can't make out what it is, sir," says the frozen lookout, with chattering teeth, wiping the salt water from his crusted eyes. "God help him! It is the last light that he will see on earth, and his life is shining peacock light, burning to say 'Death! Death! Death!' to all who come so close to it this night."

The next instant the schooner hits the sand eighteen feet under her. The Atlantic ocean mounts in a green bill over her stern and shears along her deck. Again a sea sweeps her, and she is dead again.

With teeth and feet and hands every man matches blindly for a grip at anything, and clings—three at the end of the great jibboom, five into the foregripping, the captain and the cook into the starboard smelter rigging.

"Smash! Smash! Smash! Up and down, beating herself to pieces on the sunken sands, works the Hunt in the dark and the cold. Her hull is like a reef, best by white water. There is no way to make signal. To about for help in the fog. As if by wire to try to make itself heard in a battle.

On the Beach.

Midnight on the beach of Quoogue, weather so dark that the very surf cannot be seen unless one stands where it breaks, and spews its portulac. Two men struggling toward each other from miles apart along the strand, two men in high rubber boots and swathed stiffly in streaming oilskins, now wading through the sea, now floundering through the shifting sand, now being beset and aided by the wind and bitten by the cold.

The man struggling westward is the patron of the Quoogue life-saving station, moving to meet the eastward patrol from the Potunk station and exchange brass tags with him, as proof that each has made his lonely round, according to the regulations of the United States of America.

Stops. His keen sea-eyes, that have been staring out to sea steadily through all the fight against the weather, have sighted something. Even to those sharp eyes the something is only a dark spot in the fog. But he wades into the surf as far as man may dare this night and looks with all his power.

Then he runs up the beach till he meets Surfman Bishop of the Potunk station. Together they race back and wade into the thundering sea. Yest! Something is there.

RECREATION

READY WITH THE HEAVING LINE

THE CREWS ARRIVE.

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